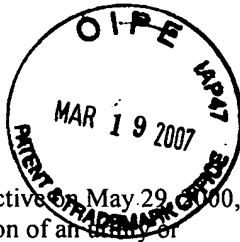


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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an application or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	10/697,124
Confirmation Number	8462
Filing Date	October 31, 2003
First Named Inventor	Yoshiyuki FUKUMOTO
Group Art Unit	2627
Examiner Name	Jefferson A. EVANS
Matter Number	Q78162
Title	MAGNETORESISTANCE DEVICE WITH A DIFFUSION BARRIER BETWEEN A CONDUCTOR AND A MAGNETORESISTANCE ELEMENT AND METHOD OF FABRICATING THE SAME

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☒ Other Excess Claims Fee Payment Letter
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2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees (including the RCE statutory fee of \$790.00), except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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